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1. Offensive hand grenade Skoda RG 35:

- a. Description: The grenade is of cylindrical shape, thin-walled, 80 mm high and 65 mm in diameter. Its sheet metal cover is approximately 1 mm thick. About 30 mm from the top a steel ribbon 10 mm wide and 50 cm long is wound around the grenade. The end of the ribbon is fastened by a safety pin equipped with a ring. The fork-like safety pin is secured in its position by a lead seal; when the lead seal is removed, the grenade is armed.

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- b. Use and production: It is an anti-personnel grenade. Before use, the ring is slipped on the left thumb and turned 180°. The safety fork jumps out and the grenade is thrown. While the grenade is in flight, the steel ribbon unwinds and falls off. The grenade explodes by impact. If the ribbon does not fall off, the grenade will not explode. The explosion produces a strong blast, a lot of brownish smoke, but no strong demolition effect.

the grenade was produced by the Brno Armament Works (Zbrojovka Brno).

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2. Antitank hand grenade:

- a. Description: The grenade is pear-shaped, with a handle at its broader end. The overall length is 25 cm; the handle is about 5 cm in diameter and the body in its widest part about 13 cm in diameter. The grenade, made of cast iron, is strengthened by a belt 4 cm wide and 3 mm thick in the middle. The broader end of the grenade has walls approximately 5 mm thick. It can be screwed off, and the detonator set, before throwing the grenade. The handle has a knob which must be pressed when the grenade is being thrown, in order to separate the handle from the grenade. The stabilizer which is hidden inside of the handle controls the flight of the grenade. The grenade explodes only when it lands on its end, i.e. a point-detonation type grenade. The

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stabilizer has four steel fins. The explosive charge is comprised of 1.5 kg of T.N.T.

- b. Use: It is an antitank grenade. Its explosion forms a crater 50 cm deep and 2 m in diameter. The effective area is up to 2.5 m. around the point of impact. The shrapnel has a destructive effect (sic) up to a distance of 100 m.

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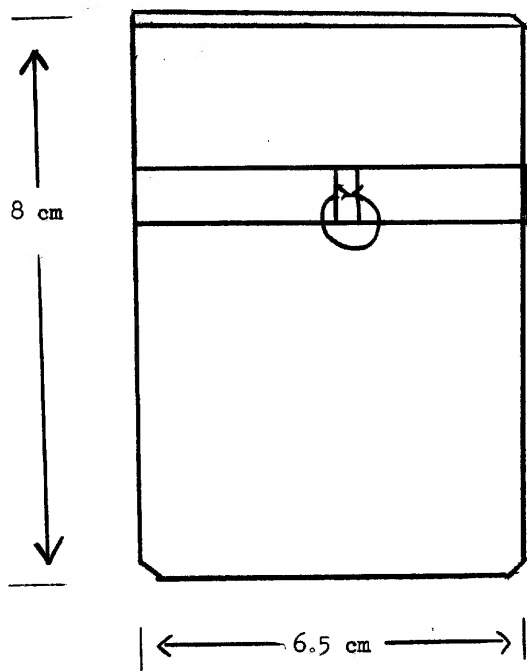
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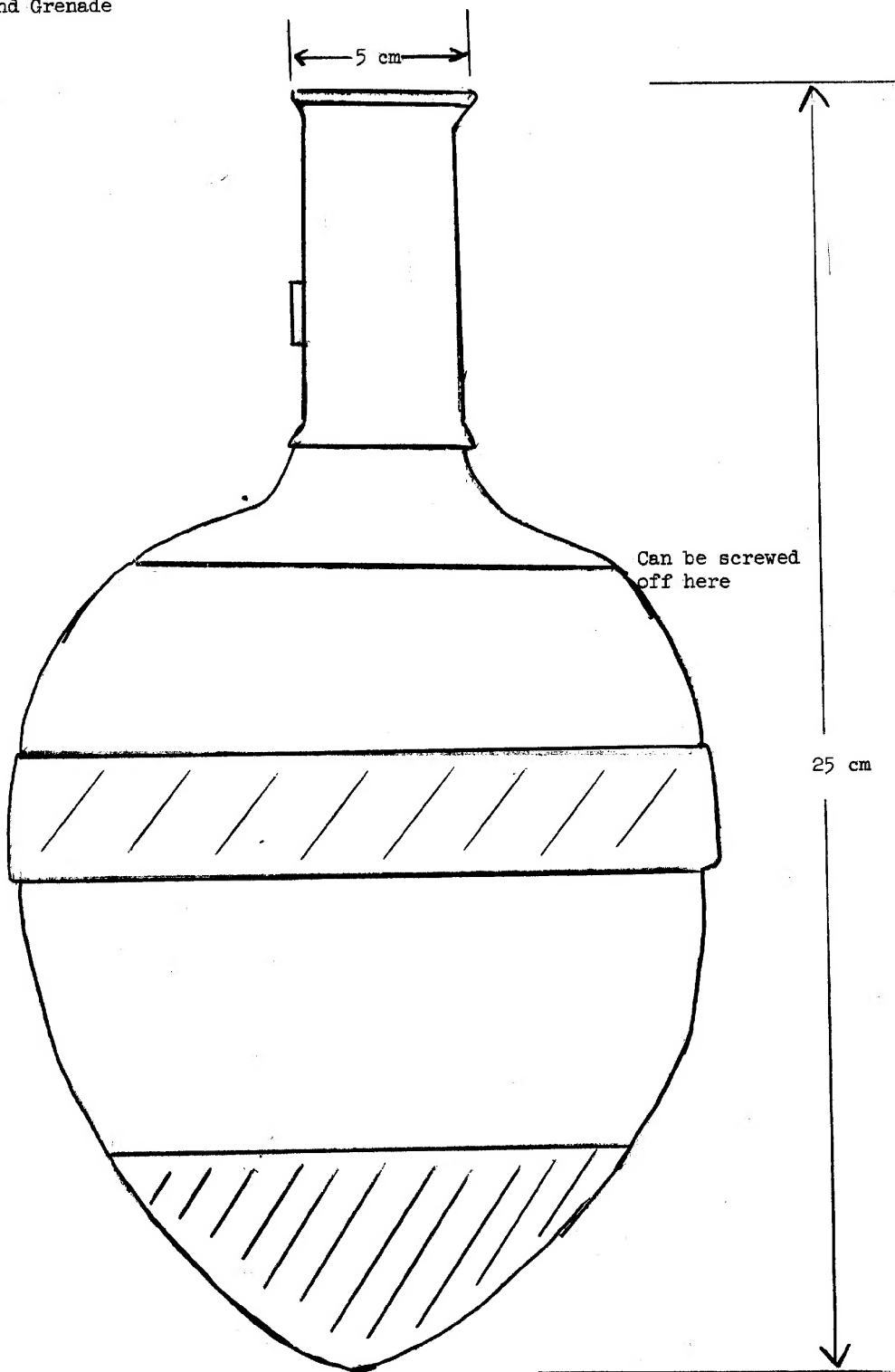
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